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HUGE DEFICIT THREATENS TREASURY

Congressman Tawney Estimates That Country Will Run \$100,000,000 Behind.

REVENUES DECREASING RAPIDLY AT THIS TIME

All Requests for Appropriations Must Be Severely Cut Especially Those for the Military Bills and Public Buildings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Chairman Tawney of the House committee on appropriations which was appointed yesterday by Speaker Cannon, effected organization today by the appointment of sub-committees.

At the close of the committee's meeting today Chairman Tawney dictated the following statement:

The committee on appropriations in Congress is confronted with a situation which will require a material revision of the estimates submitted for public expenditures for the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, in order to keep the appropriations within the possible and estimated revenues of the government.

The estimates submitted at the beginning of last session of Congress for the current year totaled \$395,850,645. The estimated for the next fiscal year submitted at the beginning of this session in the book of estimates, totaled \$396,945,238, or an increase in the estimated expenditures for the next fiscal year over the current year of \$10,090,455. The estimated total revenue for the next fiscal year is \$878,123,277, while the actual revenue, including postal revenues, received during the last fiscal year—which total revenue was larger than that of any previous year in the history of the government—was only \$846,225,388.

It will be seen, therefore, that on the basis of the estimated expenditures and the estimated revenue for the next fiscal year, the expenditures as estimated exceed the revenue by \$118,826,277. This excess does not include estimates for the regular deficiency and miscellaneous appropriations, which for the current year amount to \$13,147,859. Nor does it include any new appropriations for spontaneous expenditure. From this total of \$118,826,277, however, should be deducted \$25,000,000 which is included in the estimated expenditure for the redemption of national bank notes. This expenditure is not made out of the current revenues, but out of the statutory fund obtained from national banks, which fund is not carried as part of the government's revenues.

Deficit in Prospect.

Defecting the \$25,000,000 still leaves a deficit of \$33,000,000 between the estimated expenditures and the estimated revenue, and shows the necessity for a practical revision of the estimates submitted by the several sub-committees having jurisdiction of the appropriations for the next fiscal year, in order to keep expenditures for that year within possible revenues and thus avoid a deficiency.

It also shows the practical impossibility of Congress at this session authorizing new governmental services or the undertaking of new projects, appropriations for which would have to be met out of the revenue incoming from the next fiscal year, unless provision is made for meeting such expenditures other than to require them to be defrayed but of the current revenue of the government.

From examination of a statement prepared by the committee on appropriations, it appears that the principal increase in the expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, is for the military establishment, including the army, the navy and pensions. This increase over the current appropriations for the military establishment amounts to almost \$100,000,000, "as it does not include any estimate whatever for new organizations, such as, for instance, the building of battleships. Important increases of estimates over the current revenues are:

For the army, \$11,21,250; for the navy, \$26,82,842; for pensions, \$4,500,000.

Revenue Will Decrease.

In view of the almost certain decrease in estimated revenues for the next fiscal year, and also in view of the fact that war does not threaten the country, it may be stated on the highest authority that Congress in revising the estimated expenditures will at this session endeavor to reduce most of all the budget for the maintenance of the military establishment, rather than put the pruning knife to civil estimates.

Today's treasury statement shows that the decrease in total government revenues for the last fifteen days of November and the first fifteen days of December was \$3,878,000. Members of the appropriations committee think that this ratio of decrease from the revenues of the first part of the current year will not grow less; if this shall be so, a fiscal deficit of \$31,000,000 will have accrued by June 30, 1908. There was, however, at the close of the last fiscal year a surplus on hand of revenue over expenditures of \$4,000,000, and there is today in the several bank depositaries \$62,274,318 due the United States. Thus, while an anticipated deficit of \$31,000,000 at the end of the current year will be an actual deficit, its creation would call for no issue of bonds for defrayment.

Few Public Buildings.

As current appropriations are provided for by current revenue and no additional expenditures for the current year have been authorized, the sixteenth con-

ELECTRIC LINE DOWN GOLDFIELD IN DARK

General Funston Has Decided Not to Leave Mining Town and Troops May Patrol the Camp.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 17.—Goldfield is greatly alarmed tonight over the fact that the feed wires of the Nevada-California Power Company are down and that the company has been unable to find the break or determine the cause of it. The break occurred at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

General Funston has cancelled his order for berths for himself and staff on tomorrow's train and will remain in Goldfield indefinitely. The mines and mills are dark and armed guards are patrolling the grounds around the principal shafts and mills. General Funston, Colonel Reynolds and Governor Sparks were in consultation early in the evening and shortly afterward Colonel Reynolds left for the camp of the Federal troops and all soldiers on the streets were gathered up and taken to camp.

As near as can be learned, the break in the wires is near Palmetto, a mining camp, about twenty-one miles southwest of Goldfield. The power that is brought to Goldfield is developed near Bishop in Inyo county, California, about fifty miles away. For the past five weeks the power company has had a large force of men patrolling the line which passes over the highest portion of the Sierra Blanca range. A telephone line extends the entire length of the power line and this also is down, so that communication with the men patrolling the power line is impossible.

An effort was made to induce General Funston to patrol the city and the vicinity of the mines with troops to-night, but he has not yet issued such an order.

At 11 o'clock tonight the power was still off and the men sent out from the city to locate the break had not reported. General Manager Hobbs of the power company states that his belief is that a storm in the White Mountain has blown down some of the poles supporting the wires.

The commission sent by President Roosevelt to investigate labor conditions here has been busy all day with statements made by the Goldfield Mine Owners' association. The mill of the Consolidated company and the Nevada Goldfield Reduction works also were in operation all day.

The total number of men at work today was about 180 and it is announced tonight by the operators that fifty more will arrive tomorrow. Operators tonight say that if the break in the power line can be repaired before time for the morning shift to go on, over 200 men will be working in the mines tomorrow.

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About Toyland

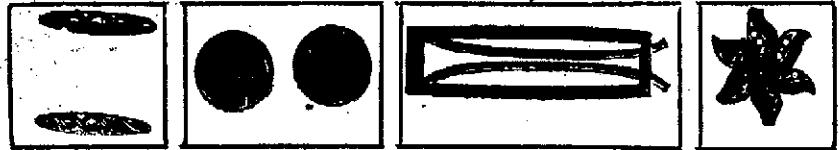
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HOLIDAYS ARE TO END

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not think the situation requires it." Later Governor Gillett gave out the following official information:

"No more holidays will be declared after Saturday, December 21st. The banking situation of the state has improved to the extent that holidays no longer are necessary. The action is based upon the following telegram received from the president of the San Francisco clearing house today:

"Hon. James N. Gillett, Executive Mansion, Sacramento:—The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting of the San Francisco Clearing House association held today:

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of the clearing house banks and bankers of San Francisco that special holidays have served the purpose for which they were declared and that they are now no longer required by the financial situation and that a copy hereof be telegraphed to the governor.

(Signed) 'HOMER S. KING,
President of the San Francisco Clearing House.'

Say Bankers are Two-Faced.—SACRAMENTO, Dec. 17.—Governor Gillett tonight makes the following statement regarding a purported interview with him today:

"A reporter on an afternoon paper showed me a telegram from San Francisco wherein some of the bankers said that further holidays were unnecessary and wanted my opinion. I stated to him that no word of that kind had been sent to me, that in recent talks the bankers had stated that it was necessary to continue them; if the bankers were reporting to the press that holidays were not necessary and were urging me to continue them that I was not fairly treated, and that I would start inquiries at once and if they advised me that holidays were no longer necessary that I would call them off. I didn't want them to request me to declare holidays and then state to the public that the same were unnecessary."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Following the action of San Francisco bankers, Los Angeles leading bankers also favor the discontinuance of legal holidays upon December 21st. They are no longer required is the opinion of several expressed today to the Associated Press. President Graves of the Los Angeles Clearing House association said that in his opinion the local banks were now in such condition as to be able to take care of themselves. He stated, however, that he had not discussed the matter with other bankers and did not know what the general sentiment would be.

To Shorten Working Hours.—WALTHAM, Mass., Dec. 17.—Notices were posted by the American Watch company to the effect that the factory would close from December 26th to January 1st, and after January 1st, the working hours would be 48 per week, a reduction of one hour a day. The company employees 3500 hands.

FEDERAL COURT STOPS
SALE OF RAILROAD
PROPERTY IN FLORIDA.

What Time Is It
By YOUR Stomach

If Your Stomach Does Not Strike "Meal Time" Three Times a Day, It Usually Means Dyspepsia.

HOW TO BE HAPPY-HUNGRY

As a rule all hours of the day look alike, and feel alike, to the dyspeptic. There is no banking for breakfast, no gnawing for lunch, and no mouth-watering for dinner. Disgust takes the place of desire, and the clock It-

SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT
ISSUE LIQUOR PERMITS
IN PROHIBITION STATES?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Tillman today introduced a resolution instructing the senate committee on finance to report "whether it is practicable for the national government to discontinue the issuance of permits to retail liquor dealers in states, counties or municipalities where local option prevails, prohibiting the sale of liquor."

Senator Allison suggested that the government merely collect tax on liquor and does not control its sale. Tillman replied that the government in collecting the tax to permit the sale of liquor and issues a permit for that purpose. The resolution was adopted.

Endangered by Midnight Fire.—DENVER, Dec. 17.—Fire which broke out in Kammale block at Eleventh and Larimer streets, this city, shortly after midnight this morning, endangered the lives of fifty people living in the upper stories. Thirty women and children, and only in night robes and hysterical with fear, were carried from the building by policemen and firemen. The damage is estimated at \$5,000.

Nitrate Strike in Chile.—SANTIAGO, Dec. 17.—Eight thousand workmen in the Tarapaca nitrate fields have gone on strike. Business is paralyzed. The situation at Iquique is normal. Warships and troops have been sent to the troubled districts. Up to the present time there has been no violence.

Thousands Cab Drivers Strike.—NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—One thousand cab drivers, members of the Liberty Dawn association, the Hack Drivers union, struck today to enforce a demand for an increase in wages from \$14 to \$18 per week, and for twelve instead of ten hours off duty in each 24 hours.

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Melba Not Coming Over.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Miss Melba, the prima donna, will not sing in America this winter. She has notified her manager that her father's health is such that she cannot think of leaving him and will therefore remain in her home near Melbourne, Australia, all winter.

MARSHAL IS FINED FOR GAMBLING

Tried to Claim That He Had Played
Poker to Secure Evidence,
a Year Ago.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 17.—City Marshal Parker of Healdsburg, whose principal duty is supposed to be to see that the laws are enforced, was today fined \$150 for violating the gambling laws of that town.

The trial took place before Judge Latimer and a jury at Windsor, and the defense sought to prove that while Parker had taken a hand in a few friendly games of chance, he had done so merely in order to secure evidence against the other players, but the prosecution showed he had held this information more than a year and had not used it. So the jury found the marshal guilty as charged.

"BAD MEMORY" CAUSES A PERJURY SENTENCE

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Charged with perjury because he "could not remember" when questioned by the jury concerning alleged bootleg in the house of delegates, William R. Coyne, once a member of Tammany hall and prominent in local politics, tonight was convicted by a jury and sentenced to two years in prison.

Coyne stated that he forgot when asked by the jury to testify concerning an alleged offer of \$1000 made by him to secure legislation and in the trial ending tonight the charge of perjury was sustained after Judge Williams ruled out the testimony offered by the defense to the effect that Coyne injured his head by falling down a staff way in New York in 1906, and his memory has since been impaired.

DANGER OF SECOND SLIDE IN MINE

ELY, Nev., Dec. 17.—A change occurred in the situation at the Alpha shaft this morning which will probably delay the work of rescuing the three entombed miners for some time. It was found that the ground at the point of the original cave in was still giving way and fear that any hour may bring an increase in the movement and occasion another slide that the bulkhead may not be able to resist will probably necessitate stopping the work of clearing the shaft until this can be checked. While the imprisoned men have been in very little danger heretofore, their position would be grave should a second slide occur.

BROKE ARM OF BOY WHO ROBBED ORCHARD

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—J. D. Cecil, aged 50, a rancher of Colegrove, was sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined \$200 for throwing George Glasnick, aged 12, to the ground with such force as to break his arm in two places, and then kicking him while he was down. Glasnick was robbing a neighbor's orchard of oranges at the time of the assault. Cecil pleaded guilty to a charge of battery.

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CANADIANS GET LITTLE SATISFACTION

Japanese Will Give Diplomat Little As-
surance of Emigration
Reforms.

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Rudolph Lemieux, Canadian Postmaster General and minister of labor, was tendered a farewell banquet last night, which was attended by 200 leading citizens and officials, including Sir Claude McDonald, the British ambassador. Foreign Minister Hayashi was not present. Minister Lemieux proposed the health of the Emperor of Japan and Baron Tanaka of the Imperial household, proposed a toast to the King of England. No speeches were made.

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Nitrate Strike in Chile.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 17.—Eight thousand workmen in the Tarapaca nitrate fields have gone on strike. Business is paralyzed. The situation at Iquique is normal. Warships and troops have been sent to the troubled districts. Up to the present time there has been no violence.

Thousands Cab Drivers Strike.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—One thousand cab drivers, members of the Liberty Dawn association, the Hack Drivers union, struck today to enforce a demand for an increase in wages from \$14 to \$18 per week, and for twelve instead of ten hours off duty in each 24 hours.

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ORGANIZE TO RESTORE THE ARMY CANTEEN

An Association Formed to Give Force to
Demand for Post
Saloons.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Army Canteen association has just formed in New York for the purpose of working for the re-establishment of the canteen at army posts. The association will be incorporated and will use its efforts to induce congress to repeal the law forbidding the sale of beer and light wines at army posts. Henry P. Fry, a lawyer and leading spirit in the new association, has this to say about it:

"The abolition of the canteen is condemned by military men of long experience to have been one of the most unwise movements ever put in effect by congress. It is responsible in a large measure for the present depleted condition of the ranks today. This is the opinion of General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the army; General George B. Loud, of New York, president of the Third Massachusetts Cavalry association, and Secretary Taft, and is embodied in all the reports of the commanding generals of the various departments of the United States army. These include General Greeley, commanding the department of the Columbia; General Grant, commanding the department of the East; General Frederick Funston, commander of the department of California, and the judge advocate of the army."

"Practical students of military life say without a dissenting voice that the restoration of the canteen is actually necessary to minimize desertion and encourage enlistment."

PROSECUTION TELLS ABOUT THE BOMB

Missile That Was to End Life of Pe-
body of Colorado, Is
Traced.

BONISE, Idaho, Dec. 17.—The prosecution in the Pettibone case today traced the Peabody bomb from the time Harry Orchard said he and Jack Simpkins threw it in a creek at Wallace to its appearance in the court room here at the Haywood trial. Corroborative evidence was introduced on the testimony of Orchard in regard to the Vindicator mine explosion, and the state proved that the registered letter and telegraphic money order received by Orchard while at San Francisco were sent by Pettibone, facts admitted by the defense.

Judge Wood made it plain this morning that he would not permit the introduction of evidence in regard to the labor troubles in Colorado which was admitted in the trial of Haywood and then struck from the record, because it was held by the court, the defense had said to establish its counter-conspiracy charge.

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ARREST OF NEW YORKER WITHOUT AUTHORITY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Thomas N. McCauley, a wealthy man engaged in several mining ventures in the west and formerly a business man of New York City, who was arrested in this city by the Pinkerton detectives two weeks ago on charges from New York, has been released, the district attorney failing to find that he was wanted in New York City. McCauley has been under \$10

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OUTRAGEOUS PROCEEDING.

Nothing short of "outrageous" can justly characterize the action of the county division commissioners yesterday in first constituting themselves a judicial body to pass on the election they had just held and then judicially invalidating it without holding any judicial hearing. The law constituting this election commission gave it only two functions: first, to call and hold an election, which it did; and second, to canvass the returns thereof, which it yesterday refused to do. Of course such a usurpation of authority has not even a colorable defense, as a matter of law. Neither has it even a plausible palliation, as a matter of decency. Any claims the divisionists may think they have in regard to this election may very properly be brought before the courts, where both sides can be heard and the facts and the law determined. But to "take snap judgment" on them, in a packed board, without hearing evidence, and in gross violation of the duty and authority of that board, is, as we above characterized it, "outrageous."

The decision of the board is neither authorized in law nor justified in fact. The act of the legislature, creating this board of election commissioners, also defined its authority. It is doubtful if the legislature could constitutionally have conferred judicial powers on such a board if it had tried; and it did not try. The language of the act defining the powers of the board is as follows:

"It shall be the duty of said board of commissioners, after they shall duly organized, to divide the territory last above described into not less than five nor more than nine election precincts, and to designate the place in each precinct where the election board provided for must be held. Said commissioners and their clerks elected by them are hereby authorized to empower and required to discharge the same duties as are now required by law of boards of supervisors and county clerks in the counties of this state, so far as the same apply to holding elections, canvassing the returns and certifying the results thereof; they shall keep a full record of their proceedings, transmitting to the secretary of state a certified copy thereof, and filing the original, with the original election returns, in the office of the county clerk of the county of Fresno; and in case the qualified electors of said territory last above described shall vote in said election, charge as herein provided, the said commissioners and their clerks, shall file a certified copy of all their proceedings and of said election returns with the county clerk of the county of Kings; and thereupon the powers and duties of said commissioners shall cease and terminate. Within sixty days from the time of the first meeting of the commissioners herein—provided for, said commissioners shall order and hold an election in the said territory last hereinbefore described—and in each precinct thereof created by said commissioners." (Then follow the provisions for holding the election hereinafter referred to, after which is the provision for returning the vote to the commissioners as follows: "Sealed returns from the officers of election of the several precincts established by said board of commissioners shall be made to such board of commissioners at such office as they may select within the said territory within six days after the day of election."

This is as plain as language can make it. The powers of these commissioners are strictly defined and limited by the law. They are to establish the precincts, call the election, receive the returns, canvass them, certify them to the secretary of state, transmit the originals to the county clerk of Fresno county, and in case division wins, certify a copy of it to the county clerk of Kings county; and thereupon the powers and duties of said commissioners shall cease and terminate. For these purposes, the commissioners are invested with the powers and duties of county clerks and boards of supervisors "so far as the same apply to holding elections, canvassing the returns and certifying the results thereof"—in other words, the purely ministerial functions of the election canvassers and county clerk. There is not a suggestion that they may usurp the function of the courts to investigate the legality of votes or to construe the law in regard to the duties of the county clerk; still less to set aside the election and call another by reason of what they conceived to be irregularities in these respects. These are judicial matters, to be determined by the courts. The legislature, as above said, could not have constituted these commissioners a judicial body if it had tried; it did not try; and if it had tried and succeeded, it would not be a judicial proceeding for even a judicial body to invalidate an election and call another without as much as a hearing, to ascertain the facts and the law.

This fact is too plain for denial or even colorable dispute. The action of Attorneys Lamberson and Brown in advising this outrage, and of the commissioners in committing it, is not entitled to the respect due an honest mistake. Whether it constitutes a crime in law, as it does in morals, depends on whether there is any California statute covering it, which we do not know. But at my rate, there is nothing now to do but secure a mandamus compelling the commissioners to canvass the vote, and an injunction preventing them from holding any other election until the courts have passed on the validity of this one.

DEPUTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY SHOOTS
TWO MEN AND ESCAPES

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 17.—District Attorney Swallow received a telegram from Rawlidge, the new mining camp in Emerald county, saying that Murt O'Brien had shot and killed two men and made his escape. There were no further particulars. O'Brien was a Goldfield attorney for several years, and had just gone to Rawlidge, where he had been appointed a deputy district attorney.

NOTED SCIENTIST
DIES IN GLASGOW

Lord Kelvin Expires After Illness of a Fortnight—Is No Heir and Peerage Is Extinct.

GLASGOW, Dec. 17.—Lord Kelvin (Sir William Thompson), the noted scientist, died today. Lord Kelvin suffered a chill a fortnight ago. On Wednesday last serious complications developed. Until the time of his fatal seizure Lord Kelvin preserved remarkable vigor of body and mind. He leaves no heir and his title becomes extinct.

The newspapers pay him a high tribute as the foremost scientist of the age, comparable with Newton and Faraday.

LITTLE COMMUNICATION
WITH GREAT FLEET

Captain of the Rhode Island Is Informed of His Wife's Convalescence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The navy department today sent a wireless message to John R. Murdoch of the battleship Rhode Island, with the Atlantic fleet en route to Trinidad, informing him that his wife, who has been critically ill, is better. No business of consequence demanding other communication with the fleet occurred at the department today and apparently Admiral Evans had nothing to lay before the department, as no word came from him during office hours today.

LANGFORD GETS DECISION
IN LOS ANGELES FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Sam Langford of Boston and Jim Barry of Chicago fought ten fast rounds before the Pacific Athletic club in this city last night. Langford was awarded the decision. Both men were severely punished. Langford out-gambling Barry. The fight is probably the last unlimited bout that will ever be fought in this city, the authorities having placed ten rounds as the maximum, and eliminated the rendering of decisions.

PERSIAN FACTORS ARE
READY FOR OUTBREAK

TEHRAN, Dec. 17.—The situation here has become more threatening. The reactionaries have taken possession of and are now holding the gun square and open places in the vicinity of the palace, while the constitutionalists to the number of about 18,000 have erected barricades extending for miles around the parliament buildings. The rough elements are aiding the reactionaries and several murders and some looting have occurred.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 17.—Judge Archibald in the federal court here today overruled the demurser filed by three powder companies to the government's bill of complaint, which includes them as defendants with thirty other independent corporations as defendants in the so-called powder trust litigation.

Thirty-three of the thirty-four companies have entered appearances for trial. The three exceptions are the Austin Powder company of Cleveland, the Equitable Powder company of Illinois and the Peyton Chemical company of California. Their contention is that the so-called trust does not own a majority of their respective capital stocks and consequently does not dominate and control their business as charged in the government's bill of complaint.

The Railroad Employee. When we read Mr. Gompers' plan to prevent panics by presenting the unit front of organized labor against the reductions in wages that come in times of contraction we did not suppose that the doctrine was capable of further extension so as to restore impeded prosperity by a demand for more pay. That, however, seems to be the policy of the railroad men who are preparing for a strike unless an increase of 10 per cent in wages is granted in January.

It seems to us, though our theory of political economy differs a little from that of Mr. Gompers, that these are not propitious times for a strike. There are a number of reasons. In the first place the rate of wages is already high and the complaint that the wages do not go so far as they ought to in purchasing the necessities of life has less justice in it now than it had a few months ago, and probably will have less justice a few months hence than it has now. The prices of commodities generally have been falling for several months, and the best opinion is that the downward trend will continue. Therefore the purchasing power of wages is increasing. Then again, in the recent contraction of industry a large number of laborers have been laid off. This number was recently estimated at 200,000 men. The rush of foreign laborers from this country shows the condition of the labor market. The man out of a job today does not occupy the independent position of a man out of a job a few months ago. Next, if we may appeal to these railroad men on broader than purely selfish grounds, the business of this country is now, owing to the recent financial disturbance, in an unsettled condition. Any such strike as they are planning would be a serious obstacle to recuperation. They themselves, and laboring men in general, can only lose in the long run by any blow struck at this critical time against the country's prosperity.—Editorial in the New York Tribune.

The animal machine wears out (grows old) in its blood vessels; other machines wear out at the points of friction or strain. The kind of blood we keep sending day by day through our blood vessels, designed for us the length of life. If the blood be made pure by suitable food and drink, and kept pure by fresh air and sunshine, by good action of the bowels, kidneys, lungs, by enough but not too much active exercise, and, finally, by a restful mind—too large to worry and fret—the vital rubber or elastic tissue in the walls of the blood vessels will age normally and last the allotted time, if the blood stream be frequently polluted by excesses, errors in diet, late and irregular hours, vicious habits, overwork, habitual confinement indoors, lack of exercise from any cause, or a fretful, anxious mind, the blood vessels become irritated and inflamed, and in time disordered and elastic, which means premature old age, disability, death.—From What to Eat.

As to the validity of this election when it finally does get before a tribunal competent to pass on it, we think there is little, if any doubt. The only essential defect in the election is the fact that these commissioners called it too early, in violation of the law and of the decision of the supreme court, but they can not be heard to raise this point against themselves, and of course Fresno will not raise it. It is not certain that this point, even if sustained, would invalidate an

BATTLESHIP FLEET IS
IN THE GULF STREAM

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 17.—At 5 o'clock tonight the De Forest wireless station picked up the battleship fleet and took the following message, presumably from the Connecticut, but the message did not indicate the sending ship:

"Time was the forge was on the roar,
The smithy was on the jump
A-shoaling horses by the score—
"Ker-thump, ker-thump, ker-thump."
The sledges sang. They sing no more.
There came a frightful slump."

The motor barked the horses straightway.

A NUT TO CRACK.

The storied might of the sphinx that puzzled ancients so
And gave men things to think about
When wars and such were slow
Was easy as compared with one
The modern trusts are giving—
How on may make a modest wage
Stretch round a good-sized living.

You visit a provision store
Armed with a good fat ton
And think the man will give you change
So you can come again.
But when you come to settle up
For eggs and cream of tartar,
Potatoes, butter, beans and flour
Your ton is just a starter.

When gay day slowly comes around,
You put your little pile
And think that if though none too large,
Should hold you for awhile,
But when you come to try it out
Upon the family buying,
You see the money melt away
While wants are multiplying.

Conditions that will break the heart
And make the hair turn gray
Are what you harvest when you try
To live beyond your pay.
It makes a man turn somersaults
And stroks his whiskers plenty
When thirty dollar bills come in
That he must pay with twenty.

—From the Nashville American.

That's All.
The children watch
The days go by,
And watch the one
Big day draw nigh;
The day—the one day
Of the year,
When stockings filled
Up pretty near
To bursting
Hang down in a row;
All in the early
Christmas glow;

Sister gets wound—
Drowsy things in here,
Silks, lace, candy,
Coats and fur;

In his boy
Gets guns for wars,
And whitewashed soldiers,
Ships and tars;

And ma gets—well,
When mama seeks
What she has hinted
For six weeks.

She gets it; see?
Thus Christmas goes,
With lines of bulging,
Joyful hose.

Pa's stocking? It
Don't bulge bit;
Pa simply gets
His foot-in-it.

—Houston Post.

Treasury Department is Prompt.
The United States Treasury Department is prompt in settling all claims in these strenuous financial times. A man who lives in Brooklyn had a good example of this last week. He went home with his week's salary and laid a twenty and a five dollar note on the reading table for his wife. Then he lighted his pipe, tossed the match into his ash receiver and began to read. The edge of the noted stock over the receiver, and when his wife smothered the flames about one-quarter of the two bills remained. The husband took the two bills to the sub-treasury, but they were too far gone for redemption there. On Monday he and his wife made affidavits as to how the bills were damaged and forwarded the fragments to Washington. He expected to wait at least a month before he got his money, but to his surprise in three days a registered package from Washington was handed to him by his postman. It contained five new five dollar bills and not a question asked.—From the New York Sun.

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No Hod Carriers in Japan.

"There are no hod carriers in Japan," said William E. Morse of San Francisco, at the Utopia.

The native builders have a method of transporting mortar which makes it seem more like play than work to the onlooker. The mortar is mixed in a pile in the street. One man makes this up into balls of about six pounds each, which he tosses to the man who stands on a ladder midway between the roof and the ground. The man catches the ball and tosses it up to the man who stands on the roof."—Nashville Tennessean.

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Two good sized houses greeted Miss Mabel Thompson and the stock company at the "Nostalgia" theater in "Little Miss Robinson Cruise," and the performance and scenery were up to the standard.

Miss Thompson again demonstrated her ability in the title role and her supporting company was good. Miss Kirkwood, Miss Aldrich and Miss Alberta deserve credit for the way that they employ their parts. The scenery is fine, and each and every art is excellently mounted, especially the last act, showing the deck of an ocean geyser. The usual matinee will be given this afternoon.

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THE WEATHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—There has been but little change in pressure over the Pacific slope during the past twenty-four hours. Forecast—

The disturbance, central over New England and the Lower Lakes yesterday is moving northward over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, resulting in a light snowfall over the region north of the Ohio valley. High pressure central over Montana extends across the country from the North Pacific coast to the Atlantic seaboard. Light rain or snow has fallen over a large portion of the Pacific coast, the Rocky mountain states and thence eastward to the Mississippi valley. Cool weather prevails over the region affected by high pressure, and the line of freezing temperatures extends southward as far as southern California, Arizona and New Mexico. It is raining throughout the Middle West and a portion of the Lower Lake region and the north Pacific coast. Fair weather is indicated for Fresno and vicinity to-night and Friday, with frost Wednesday morning.

Temperature (dry bulb) 50
Temperature (wet bulb) 45
Humidity 78
Wind, N.W. (int. per hr.) 78
Maximum temperature 51
Minimum temperature 46
Today's rainfall 1.90
Rainfall to date 1.90
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Christmas presents for men at Nyman Levy's, 1936 Mariposa St.

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The West Park W. C. T. U. will meet at West Park church Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. A full attendance is desired.

The Sacramento Union reports that Assemblyman Channer of Fresno has returned to the state controller the per diem for the extra legislative day.

The Memorial Circle of the First Baptist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Ashton, 2665 Fifte street, for a business meeting and the election of officers.

Police Sergeant MacKenzie and Officer Davis, Broad and Cranberry arrested Charles Smith last night and booked him at the county jail on a charge of drunk. Eugene Liske, a vagrant, was arrested by Officer Davis.

City Justice Graham yesterday postponed the trial of Mrs. J. S. Chambers, charged with failure to keep her son in school, until January 18th. Mrs. Chambers stated that if her son had been absent from school it was without her knowledge and consent, but that she would be sure that he attended regularly in the future.

Mayor Lyon received word yesterday from District Attorney Wadsworth of Alabama, coming through the mail, that he had been granted a custody after denial of his application for release on habeas corpus. The ruling was that the police court of Oakland had jurisdiction to send him to imprisonment for one year in the city jail.

As a result of the action taken by the city trustees on Monday night, fifty applications of renewals for liquor licenses were approved. The maximum limit of saloons is forty. The only saloon whose license was not renewed was that of the Italian City in the packing house district and for the reason that no application for renewal was made.

B. Ford and J. Cockran entered pleas of guilty to violating ordinance 221, section 32, which prohibits riding bicycles on the sidewalk in police court yesterday and were fined \$3 each by Judge Briggs. Ed Hunter, a vag. Dick Diston and R. O. Puryear, drunks, were released under suspended sentences, and Frank Johnson, a vag., was sentenced to 24 days in jail, and the commitment withheld.

The police were requested last night to search for Grover Bernard, a 14 year old boy, who wandered from his parents' home near the race track about 9 o'clock last night. He wore a straw hat, a black coat and knee pants and has a dark complexion. Several years ago he was bitten on the head by a dog and has been since slightly unbalanced mentally.

Carl Nell, an Italian working on a ranch near the California brickyards, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Hal Collins on a warrant issued by Judge Briggs charging Nell with failure to provide for his two minor children. He was released on his own recognizance to appear in police court this morning. His wife, who lives in the west end of town, swore to the complaint.

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Events In Society

Mrs. Robert Barton was hostess last night at a most delightful box party whose members witnessed the performance of Isabelle Irving in "The Girl Who Has Everything." The party occupied the two lower right-hand boxes and included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sayre, Mrs. Herbert of Oakland and Arthur W. Goodfellow.

The smart costumes of the ladies in the party were very noticeable. The hostess herself looked unusually handsome in a gown of pale pink broadcloth with large picture hat of black, a pale gray marlboro bow and muff to match. Mrs. Shepherd's brunet beauty was shown to charming advantage in a gown of apricot colored broadcloth fashioned with a stunning platinum. With it she wore an exceedingly smart hat of brown velvet with four pale brown feathers trailing over the brim in the back. Mrs. Lyon was attractively gowned in black with garniture of white lace, ermine fur and a large black hat.

Mrs. Herbert of Oakland, a very stunning visitor of Mrs. Barton's was becomingly gowned in pale pink silk and lace with plumed hat of black. Mrs. Sayre was unusually pretty in a white lace gown slightly decollete with coral ornaments and black picture hat. Mrs. Lynch wore a dainty frock of pale blue messeline with large white lace hat upon whose brim rested a large black plume.

After the theater the party enjoyed a jolly little supper.

Yesterday's important social event was the wedding of Miss Gertrude Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Leonard of White Avenue, and Hugo Allard, a young business man of this city. The marriage was celebrated at 7:30 o'clock last evening at the bride's home on White Avenue, amid a wealth of beautiful Christmas greens and with about two score of friends present to witness the ceremony performed by Dr. Thomas Boyd of the First Presbyterian church.

Both young people hold a prominent position socially among the younger social contingent so their wedding was an event of much significance, besides being a very happy union of a most congenial pair. The bride is one of a most gifted musical family, whose relatives have won many friends and admirers. She is a picturesquely-looking girl with soft brown eyes, brown hair and pretty brusette coloring. Since her graduation from the high school on this city she has been teaching in the city schools with much success. Her many admirable qualities of character coupled with unusual cleverness have made her one of the most sought after girls in the young social set. The groom has lived in Fresno but a few years, but in that short time has proved himself to be a most capable young business fellow of fine qualifications and socially a most agreeable young chap. Sincere congratulations are in his successful wooing of so charming a bride.

The Leonard home had been most artfully decorated with ropes of amixa and a profusion of holly berries until it took on the appearance of a beautiful Christmas bower. Beneath the staircase leading into the hall is a pretty alcove and this had been transformed into a very attractive wedding bower where the bride with her attendants met the groom. Shortly after the appointed hour Miss Rose Hamilton sang a very lovely bridal song, "Love's Coronation," with violin obbligato by John Hutchinson and cello accompaniment by Edna Pomeroy.

This evening at the First Presbyterian church the Woman's Missionary society will hold its annual home mission service in the church parlors in place of the usual prayer meeting. The ladies have made the program of especial interest and hope for large attendance of both men and women.

Miss Violin Pierce will lead the devotional service. Mrs. Arthur Dahlberg will discuss the home mission topic, "New Immigration," and Dr. Boyd will present the foreign subject, "Christ's Second Coming to Syria." Several musical numbers are promised, among them a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Young.

EASTON NEWS NOTES.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. J. A. Poytress
Held—Christmas Entertainment.

EASTON, Dec. 17.—On Sunday afternoon at the family home occurred the funeral services of the late Mrs. J. A. Poytress. The services were in charge of her pastor, Rev. R. B. Wilkins of the Easton M. E. church. She was born in England September 18, 1868, died at her home December 14, 1907. She came to this country in May, 1893, and was united in marriage to J. A. Poytress in Fresno September, 1893. They moved to Easton in 1894, and have lived in this vicinity ever since. Her husband and one daughter, Nellie, survive her. She has been ill for several months. During the latter part of her illness was cared for by two sisters from her England home. Interment was made in the Waddington colony cemetery, the services at the grave being in charge of Covell Lodge No. 361 of the Fraternal Brotherhood.

The Christmas exercises of the grammar school of Easton will be held next Friday evening at the hall. The high school concert will be given on Saturday evening of this week instead of Friday evening as has been the custom heretofore. The numbers will be studies in song forms. In connection with the concert, bust of Humboldt, the great German scientist will be unveiled by the class of 1908.

Loran Lewis, Bert Bibby and Grover McWhirter left Monday for Riverside and vicinity to spend some time sightseeing.

MARRIAGE LICENSES GIVEN FOUR COUPLES

Four marriage licenses were granted yesterday to the following named:

Hugo F. Allard, aged 26, and Gertrude M. Leonard, aged 23, natives of Ohio and residents of Fresno.

Arthur V. Rose, aged 30, and Caroline R. Pratt, aged 22, native born and residents of Fresno.

John E. Gagliardi, aged 24, and Isabel F. Regalado, aged 17, natives of Portugal and residents of Dos Palos. Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Regalado consented to the marriage of their daughter.

Joe Moore, native of Missouri, aged 21, and Ethel Graft, native of Iowa, aged 19, residents of Clavus.

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MASCULINE NUDITY SEEN IN RACING CREW

Striking bit of Realism in "Brown of Harvard" at Barton Friday Night.

Henry Woodruff in Brown of Harvard.

The success of the race scene in "Brown of Harvard," which comes to the Barton next Friday night, indicates that even the blasphemous goers retain much of the ordinary childish interest in stories dramatically told.

The race in question, like similar episodes in "The Sporting Duchess" and "Old Kentucky," does not occur at all.

The audience sees only a cheering crowd, whose snatches of dialogue indicate that a race is occurring.

The spectators must be in a particularly absorbing frame of mind to become excited at this sort of Christian Science contest, and yet it is said that every night the supposed victory of Harvard is applauded to the echo. Apropos of "Brown" it is interesting to note that masculine nudity on the stage seems to be at more of a premium than chorus girl disclosures. The savages in William A. Brady's production of the "Redskin" revealed naked breasts and arms, and the boat crew in "Brown of Harvard" display as muscular a set of bare arms and legs as ever graced a gymnasium.

"For Mother's Sake."

Much has been heard for several years past of the coming of "The Great American Play." Since this topic first began to furnish a theme for discussion, hundreds of plays both good and bad have been written. Probably the nearest approach to this long sought-for honor is "For Mother's Sake," which appears at the Barton next Sunday night. The play is typically American, natural, life-like and in every way representative of American life. An unusually strong cast has been engaged that the very best of the author's work may be brought out. Much attention has been paid to the little details and the scenery is a triumph of the scene painter's art. The seat sale opens tomorrow morning, prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

MINARD TO CAPTAIN ALUMNI FOOTBALLERS

At a meeting of the alumna football squad, or as much of it as yet trying out, held last evening, Frank Minard, more familiarly known to football cronies as "Bling," perhaps from the way he hits the line, was chosen unanimously to captain the team. He is also to act through the game as field captain. Minard plays quarterback.

INDOOR BALL PLAYERS CALL MATCH GAME OFF

The regular Tuesday game of indoor baseball in the business men's club at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday was called off on account of the non-attendance of the greater part of Warner's Jewels, who were to play one side of the game. This will delay the final closing of the present contest from next Tuesday to a week from that date, in all probability.

FARRABEE WAS FOUND GUILTY BY THE JURY

The jury before Judge Austin found F. J. Farrabee guilty as charged last evening after deliberating about twenty minutes on its verdict. Farrabee was accused of receiving an electric flashlight, a pistol and knife stolen from the Wards' grocery on K street by his brother-in-law, the outlaw James Richardson, who is a fugitive from justice for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Joseph Price.

NAVY YARD CLIQUE CONTROLS BREMERTON

PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD, Wash., Dec. 17.—E. H. Fricke, formerly clerk of the board of labor employment at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, while holding such position by virtue of civil service regulations, was twice elected mayor of the city of Bremerton. Now for the third time he is standing trial on charges of "undue political activity."

He was ordered dismissed from the service by the civil service commissioners and his third trial is a public hearing ordered by the Navy Department.

With a view to his possible reinstatement, the board is composed of Lieutenant Commander G. R. Slocum, president; Naval Constructor K. D. Beuet; and Engineer A. C. Lewellen, recorder.

Henry Green, chairman of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., and Charles C. Snyder, secretary of the twelfth U. S. Civil Service District of San Francisco, are in attendance by courtesy of the navy department. The evidence submitted tends to show that a civil service committee controlled politics in the navy yard city and that Fricke was in the confidence of the men.

Other employees, according to the testimony, durst not oppose the ring for fear of losing their positions.

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MISS IRVING GOOD BUT PLAY IS WEAK

Fitch Comedy Allows Her Talents Little Opportunity.

Children Give the Star Her Best Support—Select Audience Present.

A representative Fresno audience was at the Barton last night to see Miss Isabel Irving present her newest Fitch play, "The Girl Who Has Everything." Miss Irving very considerately mentioned that this was the name of the play in the first act. Had it not been for that and for the name one read off the program—and in the press agent's advance notices, there is not a soul who would ever had suspected that the play had a name sounding like that.

Why could it not have been called, "Why Aunt Fannie Took Off Her Married Hair?" But then Fitch plays never do have anything to do with their names. In fact not many of them are on speaking terms with them. So that was not so much of a surprise as some other things. Some of these surprises were pleasant and some were—well, not so pleasant.

Miss Irving still claims the right and deserves it, too, of being called one of the daintiest and most interesting comedies on the American stage. She has talent, she has charm and sincerity, a pleasing presence if not claim to actual beauty. One feels the pleasure of seeing finished work when one sees her act. She has an individuality that makes her acting distinctive, but in her starring days she has not been fortunate in securing a vehicle capable of her powers. Last year she played "Ruthie" in "Search of a Husband," a play for amateurs—as light as air and with few demands for talent. But it was infinitely gayer to the production in which she appeared last night. To be sure, people go to see Isabel Irving—not the play—but even so, the most gifted artist cannot fail of having acting marred by lack of opportunity for fine work and by poor support.

In last year's play, although it was wistfully wistful in a sense, yet the company supporting Miss Irving was composed of genuinely clever people; one or two really notable ones, while last night the balance weighed very much in favor of the incapable people in the support.

One of the redeeming features in the production was the presence of several dear children, real Fitch children, and an clever and natural as his children are wont to be. Whatever else this playright may do unworthily, he provides his plays with charming children. Master Jerome Fernandez was a boy anyone could adore—a real boy with all a real boy's faults and fine spirit—and he, with little Grace Elfe, his sister of the play, provided Miss Irving by far the best support she was given. Master Fernandez might have taught some of his elders a thing or two in "realism" had they observed

him and profited by the observation. In Harry Hubbard, who played the clever's part, Miss Irving had excellent support. He was convincing in his acting, spoke his lines unusually well and was without good to look upon and adaptable. In fact, all the requirements exacted of a "leading man" were supplied by him. Helen Westhersby gave a clever impersonation of "Aunt Fannie" in a character part of some real merit, and Emily Wakeman was entirely satisfying as "Mrs. Waring," giving the part a real character which in the original it could scarcely be said to have possessed.

The rest of the company was all with an understanding of questionable merit, playing the important role of Guy Weems. This weakness marred several of the scenes which were none too strong and could ill afford to have any props knocked out from under them.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR COMPILES ACCOUNT Shows Amount of Work Accomplished by Him During the Last Thirteen Months.

Robert H. Ellithorpe, city plumbing inspector, has compiled an account of the work done by him since his appointment for the purpose of comparison. It follows in full:

November, 1906, permits, 25; fixtures, 75; largest job for month, 10 fixtures; no fees.

December, permits, 18; fixtures, 31; largest job for month, 6 fixtures; fees, \$46.

January, 1906, permits, 19; fixtures, 46; largest job for month, 6 fixtures; fees, \$60.

February 1906, permits, 25; fixtures, 53; largest job for month, 5 fixtures; fees, \$77.25.

March 1906, permits, 22; fixtures, 53; largest job for month, 21 fixtures; fees, \$72.75.

April 1906, permits, 25; fixtures, 98; largest job for month, 28 fixtures; fees, \$94.60.

May 1906, permits, 29; fixtures, 109; largest job for month, 22; fees, \$97.50.

June 1906, permits, 35; fixtures, 167; largest job for month, 25 fixtures; fees, \$109.

July 1906, permits, 31; fixtures, 123; largest job for month, 17 fixtures; fees, \$105.75.

August 1906, permits, 31; fixtures, 101; largest job for month, 15 fixtures; fees, \$87.

September 1906, permits, 34; fixtures, 77; largest job for month, 5 fixtures; fees, \$94.

October 1906, permits, 44; fixtures, 114; largest job for month, 18 fixtures; fees, \$137.50.

November 1906, 45; fixtures, 109; largest job for month, 20 fixtures; fees, \$138.50.

A THIRD LYNCHING IN TEN DAYS' TIME

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 17.—A negro member of a traveling minstrel troupe, who gave his name as Homer Rogers, was hanged by a mob in Morehouse parish last night and his body riddled with bullets. As far as can be ascertained, the lynching resulted when Rogers resented a remark made by a white man declaring that he was a "yankie nigger" and did not take any impudence. This is the third lynching in Morehouse parish in ten days.

What shall I give my boy for Xmas? A membership in the Y. M. C. A. would probably give him the greatest pleasure and do him the most good.

FRATERNAL ORDER INITIATES CLASS

Supreme Officers of Fraternal Brotherhood Were Present

Five Fresno Lodges Participate and More Than 300 Members Were Added to Rolls.

The Fraternal Brotherhood held a public class initiation in Armory hall last night and more than 300 new members were added to the rolls of the five lodges participating. They are, distributed as follows: Modena Lodge, #7; Rustin Lodge, Fresno, #4; Lodge No. 91, Fresno, #3; Fowler Lodge, #2, and Selma Lodge, #17. The Modena Lodge showed the largest amount of insurance written and won a large silk lodge flag.

About 300 members joined in a parade through the principal business streets starting at the lodge hall and marching down E street in Fresno to J, down J to Korn's counter-marching to J to Army hall.

The program in the hall was opened by a selection by the orchestra followed by the opening one by the members. The deputies of the various lodges then presented the registers to the supreme officers; president, J. A. Forsyth; chaplain, Rev. J. A. Batchelor and medical director, Dr. C. W. Pierce, who conducted the ceremonies.

Supreme President Forsyth in a few well-chosen words welcomed the class into the order and spoke of the rapid and substantial growth of the Fraternal Brotherhood throughout the United States and of the bright future it has.

A selection by the orchestra was followed by an initiatory charge to the class by the supreme president, in which he called attention to the solemnity of the oaths taken by each of the members, to the fraternal obligations that they had taken upon themselves, to the benefits that would be derived by them from membership in the order.

Supreme Chaplain Batchelor delivered a lengthy address upon the aim and object of the order, calling attention to the fact that it was founded on the golden rule and for the purpose of mutual help and protection. A male quartette from the Fowler Lodge rendered a beautiful selection that called forth several encores. The drill teams of the Fresno, Fowler and Modena lodges elicited many expressions of admiration by their splendid team work. The program was brought to a close by the singing of America by the lodge members and invited guests.

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STRIKE OF CAB DRIVERS SETTLED

• NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Through the efforts of Marcus M. Marks of the National Civic Federation as conciliator the strike of 1000 cab drivers, who went out today to enforce their demands for a twelve-hour day and \$15 a week, was called off tonight. The cab men met their demand for \$15 a week and the question of hours will be submitted to arbitration.

OIL FIRE IN FORSYTH BUILDING CAUSES SCARE

A small fire in the basement of the Sequoia hotel, caused by a spark in the heater furnace, was the cause of some excitement, shortly after 10 o'clock last night. The rooms above were partly filled with smoke, while a cloud of black smoke rolled out of the rear door of the place. An alarm was turned in, but the work of one chemical engine for a few minutes was sufficient to put out the flames. The heater room was still smoky owing to the density of the fumes which rolled up from the oil burning on the floor. The loss is very small. This has happened several times before, and the fire has been put out by being smothered with sand.

KISER TIES HIGH SCORE OF WEEK IN TEN PINS

The Coopers bowl with Bert Maul and Company this evening at the alley. This match is attracting some attention, owing to the fact that both teams are to enter the tourney after Christmas, and owing also to the fact that some good bowlers are on both sides.

E. Kiser last night tied Nutting's score for the hat, making 225. This is the best time since trophies for high scores have been put up that any two contestants have tied for first place.

Though bowling was a little slow in the alley last evening, some good games were put on. The number of high scores was appreciably greater than have been made for some days past. They were: McCourt, 231; Cory, 219; Kiser, 235; A. Nelson, 235; Exan, 201-211-208-207; Starkle, 202-211; Simmons, 217-207; Nutting, 238-213-206.

SALMON EGGS SHIPPED TO SOUTH AMERICA

BEDFORD, Cal., Dec. 17.—The three United States Fisheries at Baled, Battle Creek and Mill Creek in Shasta and Tehama counties have taken 70,000,000 salmon eggs in the season to date. These have been shipped to day from Dabid in this county to Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic. They will be shipped first to London and thence to South America and will be five weeks in transit.

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HUGHES PERMITS USE OF HIS NAME

Is Interpretation Given to a Letter Written to Friend Regarding the Presidency.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Governor Hughes today made public his correspondence with Senator Martin Saxe regarding the possible action of the New York County Republican committee endorsing the governor for the presidential nomination. It follows:

"Dear Governor Hughes: It is my purpose at the next meeting of the Republican county committee to offer a resolution to the effect that the Republican committee throughout New York desire your name presented for President at the national convention. In doing so, I am only attempting to give formal expression to the sentiment that exists here, so that the Republican party throughout the State may have official notice of it. However, as I do not wish to pursue my course which may be distasteful to you personally, or embarrassing to the plans of those who are in your confidence, I will appreciate some expression from you which will guide me in the circumstances.

Cordially yours,

"MARTIN SAXE."

Albany, Dec. 16, 1907.

"My Dear Senator:—Your letter of the 16th has been received. I do not think it proper for me to make any suggestion as to what the county committee should do or should not do. I stated my attitude in my speech before the Republican club, and by that I stand. It is of the highest importance that the work of the administration should be disinterested and shall do nothing to influence the selection or vote of the delegates. I assume that the party representatives will take such action, whatever it may be as they believe to be best. They have their duty and I have mine. I think my position is clearly understood.

Very truly yours,

"CHARLES H. HUGHES."

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Senator Martin Saxe said this afternoon after the Governor had made public the correspondence, that has passed between them:

"I assume the governor's letter to mean that he does not object to my resolution as I outlined it to him in my correspondence. Hence I shall now proceed to introduce my resolution just as I indicated to him. The only thing that could deter me would be the possibility that his persons' forces could beat it."

The local leaders who favor Governor Hughes in this accept his letter as indicating that the Governor was perfectly willing that the county committee should adopt its resolution as proposed, but that he desired to make it clear that he was neither taking nor seeking any support.

Herbert Parsons, referred to by Mr. Saxe, is chairman of the County Republican committee, and is generally understood to oppose a resolution of endorsement. The committee will meet on Thursday evening of this week.

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CATHOLIC COUNCIL IN THE PHILIPPINES

Church in the Islands Is to Be Placed Upon an American Basis.

MANILA, Dec. 17.—The first provincial council of the Catholic church in the history of the Philippines is now in session in this city.

The bishops and clergy are considering matters important to the church of which the most important event is the placing of the church upon an American basis throughout.

The Spanish and other clergies conform it is understood, with this nation, which is the result of direct instructions given by Pope Pius X to his delegates here.

A number of visiting bishops from India and Ireland were present at the regular meeting of the Ancient Order of United Workmen last night. Each gave a brief talk on the subject highly appreciated.

Plans were discussed for a joint watch night meeting to be held on New Year's eve by the order and the Delegates of Hon. A. O. U. W. Entertainments.

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A committee was appointed to contact the various lodges from that order and to make arrangements for the services. On the first Sunday in January are the drill team and the newly elected officers will meet for rehearsal.

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The commission and the assembly are busy preparing instructions for the delegates to Washington. The principal matters will be to grant a tariff reform and the abolition of the head tax charged visitors from Hong Kong and Japanese ports. The delegates will leave for America on December 21st.

IN THE LODGE ROOM.

The members of Navajo Council, Division of Pocahontas, and of the independent Union of Redskins, spent a pleasant evening in the lodge hall yesterday. A. M. G. A. G. Amherst gave an interesting exhibition of their tribal customs and songs and dances, after which the evening was devoted to social pleasure and dancing.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus met in regular session in their hall last night and transacted routine business. A number of speeches and resolutions by members added to the pleasure of the evening.

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Problems, E. W. Odell, Secretary of

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Cortelyou is confined to his bed with a severe attack of grippe. Upon the advice of his physician he will remain at home for at least a week. His attack last night was quite severe, and his physician's orders are imperative. During his absence from the department, Assistant Secretary Edwards will be acting secretary.

Secretary of the Navy McCallum is also detained at his home with an attack of the grippe. When he returned from Norfolk today, where he went with the president and party, he was compelled to take to his bed. The secretary was unable, according to the report from Norfolk, to leave the cabin of the Mayflower to review the

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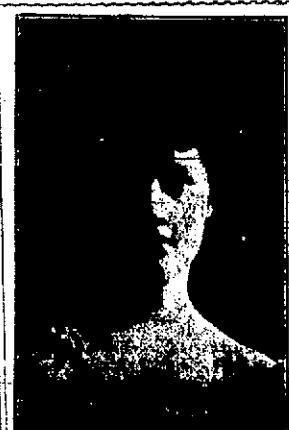
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How the ballots are flying! They are coming in thick and fast and there is the biggest lot of excited contestants flying around that you ever saw.

Mrs. Lenora Downer of Del Rey made a 40,000 gain yesterday that establishes her still more firmly as one of the big workers of the contest. She is fast approaching the 200,000 mark that will put her in a class with some of the big vote-getters of this hustling competition.

Every vote counts this last week that makes for success or failure. Four more days will decide your fate and let it be a pleasant one.

Aileen Brewer stepped up another 30,000 votes yesterday, putting her on still firmer footing. She made the second largest gain of yesterday, J. N. Poole, moving steadily forward, keeping just a few thousand votes ahead of the little Selma gal, who is trying hard to pass him. There are so many sets of rivals in this competition that it keeps one busy looking after them all and keeping track of their gains.

Maritza Rasmussen of district 2 is still making the ballots fly in her direction. She has a whole host of friends interested in her behalf and her vote looks as though it would be one of the record breakers of the final count. She seldom misses a day in putting a big ballot.

Miss Leah Thomas, who leads district 4, made a gain of 17,000 votes yesterday towards that outside automobile for which she is striving along with Miss Fisher of Hanford and Mrs. W. D. Smith of Dinuba. These three are running a merry race—all live contestants full of energy and blessed with innumerable friends.

There will be no more coupons issued in the paper. All those that have

Clinton Comstock	419
Edward Levitt	406
Arthur A. Murphy	300
C. E. French	100
Fred Main	85
Beale Wilkins	8
District No. 2 (Fresno Outside City)	
E. M. Shuck	604,072
J. N. Poole	421,502
Aileen Brewer	117,650
Maritza Rasmussen	230,866
H. Willhelm	223,942
Mrs. Lenora Downer	105,963
Harvey Harris	110,212
A. M. Rutherford	83,952
J. Christiansen	68,303
J. C. Jeosen	58,323
Eddie Tawney	45,794
Della Wells	45,457
William Larson (Hedley)	33,093
Curly Larsen	24,630
Henry Young (Selma)	24,521
John E. Nelson	16,500
Lulu Rutledge	13,728
Elgin W. Fouka	10,647
Elmer Church	7,620
J. R. Green	6,627
Charles Tibbs	6,600
S. L. Thomas	6,617
Edna Durgan (Singer)	4,660
Ralph Walker (Selma)	3,179
Connie Price (Empire Colony)	1,332
Mrs. M. Kelly	1,090
Mrs. Easterbrook (Wolters Colony)	200
Paulina Adlesbach (Kingsburg)	16
Mrs. Herman Tegner	1
May Felton	4
Carl J. Wells (Selma)	3
Leo Wells	2
Frank J. Sanders	1
A. M. Hersey	1
G. T. White (Ockenenden)	1
Mrs. Lizzie Cleveland	1
Clara Dailey (Kingsburg)	2
John Dwyer (Firebaugh)	1



F. M. Shuck.

District No. 3 (Madera County)	
Mrs. Lucy Price	74,013
Christine Lurew	61,264
Irene Gies	35,853
Henry Leesman (Madera)	27,812
Golden Knouse	30,307
Lorena Phillips Post	5,224
Joe Goode	1,000
Hale Gleason	400
Lillian Duncan	212
District No. 4 (Merced and Stanislaus Counties)	
Leah Thomas	131,314
Miss Julia Dwyer (Turlock)	27,012
Norman Gies	18,241
Maud M. Mack	9,404
Miss Lillian Bernham (Ceres)	9,849
Eduie Reinhardt (Merced)	3,133
Mrs. L. E. McMenamy	1,760
Mrs. Susan Hurd (Modesto)	1,627
Miss Marie Mihern (Merced)	1,600
Miss Genevieve Ergo (Merced)	1,000
Ruby Cole	1,000
Kate O'Leary (Modesto)	500
Miss Francis Atkinson (Modesto)	500
Myrtle May Huddleston (Modesto)	400
District No. 5 (Kings County)	
Mary Fisher (Hanford)	287,918
Grace Dickie (Lemoore)	29,245
Frank Rock (Kingsburg, Kings Co.)	7,200
Miss Donna Gill (Hanford)	4,200
Mabel Burrell (Hanford)	2,207
Miss Beatrice Hawley	1,700
Ollie Lambert (Hanford)	1,454
Mattie Rockwell (Hanford)	1,000
S. T. Owings (Armona)	674
Mary Fern Walker (Corcoran)	400
Anna Champin	40
Ernest Huss (Hanford)	37
Ed E. Hart	1
District No. 6 (Tulare and Kern Counties)	
Mrs. W. D. Smith (Dinuba)	219,559
Miss Della Peden (Lindsay)	73,593
Mrs. A. Scott Ballagh (Porterville)	29,560
Robert Blom	16,773
George Wilkins (Tulare)	16,551
Hezelle Brooks (Visalia)	16,493
Mrs. M. Townsend (Visalia)	10,000
Violet Cotton	6,159
Minnie Eisele	6,159
Mrs. Francis Sherman	42,524
Chester Crane	43,329
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been issued are out of date and if any are received they will not be counted.

Special attention is called to the closing of the business office on Saturday at 5 p. m. for the full notice.

see another column of the paper.

The vote as shown by the count at 5 o'clock last evening was as follows:

Mrs. George Cuthbert	56,519
Mrs. Max Hoen	26,043
Fuller Collins	22,484
Stuart Evans	10,512
Violet Cotton	6,159
Minnie Eisele	6,159
Mrs. Francis Sherman	42,524
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A DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

IN SUPERIOR COURT

Ben Sullivan, the aged itinerant carriage painter, was sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for one year by Judge Austin on conviction of assault with a deadly weapon. The jury had recommended him to mercy in sentence. Sullivan discharged the contents of a loaded shotgun in the back of John McNair. The shotgun extracted seven lead pellets. District Attorney Church has resolved to proceed no further with the contemplated charge of perjury for alleged false testimony by the defendant in seeking to fasten a charge of grand larceny against the complainant as a reason for the assault.

Stephen Arthur has filed bond in

Partnership Litigation.

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Fancy Suspenders

50¢ to \$4.00

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25¢ to \$2.50

Jackets

\$2.00 to \$5.00

Mufflers and Reefs

\$1.00 to \$4.00

Handkerchiefs

25¢ to \$1.50

Scarf Pins

50¢ to \$3.00

Cuff Buttons

50¢ to \$3.00

Fancy Vests

\$1.50 to \$10.00

Pajamas

\$1.00 to \$10.00

Shirts

\$1.00 to \$3.00

Hose

25¢ to \$2.00

Fancy Underwear

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In a letter to Johnston, North & Co., regarding the general conditions surrounding the grocery trade of the United States, and the situation as to stocks of California products in the hands of jobbers and retailers, of which they have been making a careful investigation, the Griffin & Skelley company of San Francisco say:

Reports received up to date, which, by the way, cover about every part of the United States, indicate beyond any question that the first of January, 1908, will find the wholesale grocers of the United States with smaller stocks of California products than has been the case for a great many years. There may be some exceptions, but they are few and far between. We have received during the last two weeks more demand for California products than is usual at this time of the year, even under the most favorable conditions. All seem to agree that the retailer has been paying his bills promptly, and we know that the jobbers have taken up their drafts with almost unusual promptness, indicating, it seems to us, that the consumer has not felt at all seriously the recent financial flurry, and that what contraction there has been has been confined almost entirely to luxuries.

The situation in this state, so far as California products are concerned, is very strong. In the first place, the demand all through this year has been tremendous. There was no carry-over of anything. What few prunes were on hand from the 1906 crop were shipped out of the state before the 1907 crop came in, and were consumed during the early fall trade. Our farmers did not feel the effect of the recent financial flurry, because their crops had been harvested and sold before it occurred. While crops as a whole were very good in this state, the demand was fully equal to the occasion, with the result that stocks at the present writing are at a very low stage, taking everything as a whole. In canned fruit, for instance, it is almost impossible to get an assorted car. In prunes there is practically nothing left in the farmers' hands, and nowhere near the amount of stock in the state that there was even a year ago now. So far as peaches are concerned, there are so few that they are hardly worth mentioning. Apricots are almost unobtainable. Pears are practically unobtainable. In the way of raisins the best authorities on the situation agree that there is not to exceed 15,000 to 17,000 tons in the state. We presume you realize that this amounts to nothing. There should be a carry-over every season of at least that quantity for the use of the trade

during the early fall months and before new goods are obtainable.

It seems quite apparent to us that there is going to be a very heavy demand just as soon as the spring trade opens. Now, as you know, there is always a dull season in California products, lasting from say the first of December until about the 15th of January. Immediately after the middle of January the trade commences to feel a little interest, and very soon after that they commence to make their purchases, and when one starts they usually all start, with the result that very strong conditions are produced.

Please understand that we are not "playing the markets," being neither on the "bull" nor the "bear" side, as we have no axes to grind or policies to work out, except to be able to take care of the necessities of our customers to the best possible advantage. We presume you realize that the recent financial flurry pretty thoroughly weeded out a lot of the speculative and financially weak operators who have always been an element of weakness to everyone who had any goods in their house. The few farmers who are holding their products are habitual holders. They have always profited by holding, and they have plenty of money to hold with. There is no such thing possible as stampeding that class of people. The inability of the trade generally to get hold of a sufficient quantity of all kinds of canned goods is going to materially increase the demand for and consumption of dried fruit."

GIVE US INK, THE CRY OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

The House of Representatives of the high school, composed of the young ladies attending that institution, was to have debated yesterday afternoon the question, "Resolved, that the government should control the telegraph as well as the postoffice." The debate was postponed because of the absence of the designated speakers, and for it was substituted an extempore debate on, "Resolved, that the school board should have link with the assembly hall of the high school." The affirmative was upheld by Miss Ellis Scott, North Carolina, and Miss Alma Sohn, Illinois, and the negative by Miss Burton Douglass, Delaware, and Miss Pearl Egerly, Missouri. The affirmative won probably because the wish was father to the thought. Miss Ora Travers and Miss Myrtle Dougherty were chosen to membership and elected to represent Vermont and Montana.

10 CASES OF PETIT LARCENY ARE REPORTED

Heitzig Reports Loss of Prize-Winning Fowls and Holton Loses Block and Tackle.

M. H. Heitzig, who lives at 184 Wilson avenue, reported to the police yesterday that thieves had stolen five prize-winning Wyandotte chickens from his coop Sunday night.

J. H. Holton, who lives near the Danish cemetery, reports that a set of block and tackle had been stolen from his wagon while it stood near Tulare and 8th streets yesterday. The tackle consists of a quantity of cotton rope and a large single block.

A. J. Peterson, Plaza Tower, 1227 R St. Phone Main 1395.

ORANGE MARKET NOW IMPROVING

Various Causes Ascribed for Brightening Up.

Prices on Rise Again—Little Fruit Being Shipped Out Now.

The market for oranges, which has for some time been weak, is now showing signs of improvement; is in fact appreciably stronger, with prices on the rise. The causes assigned for this betterment are various, though they hinge mainly on the financial conditions East. Prices are very fair, though the slump has been sufficient in the past week or so to warrant, apparently, the assertion of a prominent shipper yesterday that the season, while it had been good for the grape shipping, is not a good one for oranges, at the present time.

He stated that the probable cause for a quickened demand and a rise in prices in the East was the fact that a good many of the shippers, almost all, in fact, both here and in Southern California, had slowed up on the amount of goods they were sending out, with the result that the supply of oranges now visible in the East was smaller than the actual needs of the jobbers for the holiday trade would soon to require.

Another shipper, who deals largely in Fresno county fruit alone, stated that he did not think the slowing up on shipments could be well ascribed as a cause for the bettering of the market, but he was inclined to think that the real reason would be found in a general bettering of the money conditions throughout the country.

These views, it will be observed, do not clash, and may in fact be acting co-ordinately to produce the quickened demand.

Prices, while they are said not to be what should be paid at this time of the year, are also said to be far from bad; as shippers in the past have had to accept so much less in some past years, that even present figures are good in comparison. One shipper stated that he had received an offer of \$1.75 per box, f. o. b., to be sent to San Francisco, and in reply had asked \$2.25, but was of the opinion that the fruit could sell at about \$2.

As the holidays approach, sales on auction should quicken. Latest advices show an upward trend in the prices being offered in the New York market.

Locally, the amount of oranges sold, except to San Francisco and Seattle, is trifling, so that prices here have very little to do with the market in the Union as a whole. In the East, the fruit is reported as improved in condition—as it arrives, showing better size and color. Offers there are considered as very fair, with the prices going up for 1908 and 2000.

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Swamp Root is not recommended for everything but if you are obliged to pass your water frequently night and day, smarting or irritation in passing, brick dust or sediment in the urine, If You Need a Medicine You Should Have the Best. Swamp Root is always kept up to its high standard of purity and excellence. A sworn certificate of purity with every bottle.

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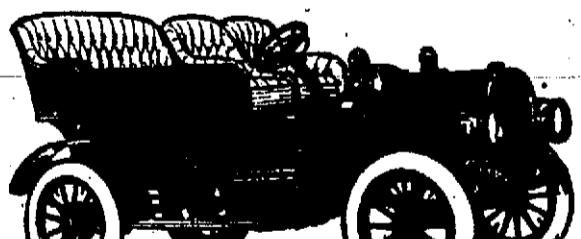
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33—Prizes of the Highest Value—33

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SECOND PRIZE—Also Free For All Regardless of Location



**A 1908 Model Rambler Touring Car
Price \$1,650**

This is an absolutely high-grade car, of the most modern and luxurious sort, fully equipped, with top, fine lamps, and everything necessary to a complete outfit. The finest two-cylinder touring car on the market.

This car will be given to the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes.

FIRST PRIZE FREE FOR ALL, IRRESPECTIVE OF LOCATION

**A Twenty Acre Farm
Worth \$2,000**

Twenty acres of the best land in the Fresno Irrigated Farms District. All this land now on the market is selling for \$100 an acre, and none can be had for a cent less. This is the former Bank of California tract, now owned by the Huntington interests of Los Angeles, and is destined to be one of the richest and most attractive farm colonies in California. Kearney Avenue is to be extended clear into the district; a street car line is a certainty in the near future; and the Fresno Country Club is now arranging to make it a center of out-door pastime and social life.

This farm will be an investment, and in a short time a competency for life. It is, beyond comparison, the finest offer ever made by a newspaper on the Pacific Coast, in a circulation contest.

This farm will be given to the candidate irrespective of location receiving the highest total number of votes.

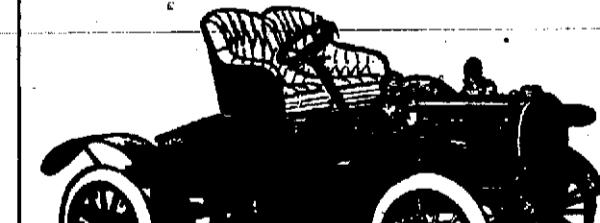
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THIRD PRIZE

In awarding this prize, the territory is divided into two districts, of which Fresno County is one, and the other consists of Tulare, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced and Stanislaus Counties.

This will be given to the person receiving the highest number of votes in the district not winning second prize. Fresno County will be one district; the outside, the other.



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The districts will be the same as for the trips to Hawaii, and one trip to Yosemite will be given to the person receiving the second highest number of votes in each district.

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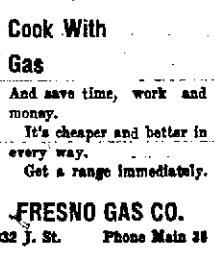
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BANK CLEARINGS

Clearings of the Fresno city banks for December 17, 1907, according to the figures of the Fresno Clearing House:

Morning \$67,511

Afternoon 67,511

Total \$135,022

Commercial Bank of Fresno, \$116,511.

Bank of America, \$10,000.

Bank of the People, \$1,500.

Bank of the State, \$1,000.

Bank of the West, \$1,000.

Bank of the United States, \$1,000.

Bank of the Valley, \$1,000.

Bank of the West, \$1,000.

COUNTY DIVISION VOTE SET ASIDE AND ANOTHER ELECTION CALLED FOR

Commission Assumed to Act in Judicial Capacity by Going Behind Returns--Fresno Will Mandamus to Compel Canvass Also to Enjoin Another Ballot Next Month.

The county division election will be fought over again. The only question at this time is whether the battle will be at the polls again or whether in the courts.

The commissioners underlying the election to canvass the votes cast in Tuesday's election refused yesterday at Coalinga to canvass that vote. They actually declared that election null and void, and they ordered that the next battle shall again be at the polls on the 14th of next month.

The Fresno Promotion Committee was in conference last night and all but settled that the next battle shall be in the courts, and that not a day shall be lost to institute mandamus proceedings to compel the commissioners to do their duty and also injunction proceedings to prohibit the election attempted to be called for next month.

Locked Commissioners Out.

The commissioners to canvass the vote are David M. De Long, Robinson, J. W. Herbert, S. A. Gulberson, Jr., and Scott Blair. They were to have met on Monday and the reason why they did not is told in the following affidavit:

State of California, County of Fresno,

Be it remembered that on this 18th day of December, 1907, two Commissioners of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State of California to carry out the provisions of an act to change, establish and permanently locate the boundary lines of the County of Kings and a portion of the south boundary line of the County of Fresno and to provide for the submission of such change, establishment and location of such boundary lines, to the qualified electors of the territory to be affected by the change, approved March 14th, 1907, to wit: S. A. Gulberson, Jr. and J. W. Herbert, met at the office of said Commissioners in the City of Coalinga at the hour of 2 o'clock, p.m., to canvass the returns of said election. Whereupon, the clerk of said board Henry S. Richmond, locked said office and refused to allow said Commissioners to enter said office or to have access to said election returns, or to inspect the same, whereupon said two Commissioners

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Presents that are bought here are sure to delight, and if on Christmas morning you're quite certain that the gift you made pleased him—you are pretty apt to additionally enjoy your own Christmas.

These few suggestions may help you determine just what it's to be.

Diamond Rings	\$25.00 to \$500.00
Lobster Rings	\$25.00 to \$50.00
Signet Rings	\$5.00 to \$25.00
Watches	\$12.00 to \$250.00
Chains	\$3.50 to \$35.00
Locket	\$1.50 to \$50.00
Fobs	\$1.50 to \$35.00
Studs	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Diamond Studs	\$10.00 to \$200.00
Scarf Pins	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Necktie Clasps	\$2.75 to \$5.00
Emblem Buttons	\$1.00 to \$50.00
Cuff Buttons	\$3.00 to \$30.00
Match Boxes	\$1.00 to \$25.00
Cigar Cutters	\$5.00 to \$18.00
Collar Buttons	\$1.00 to \$20.00
Fountain Pens, gold mounted	\$4.00 to \$20.00
Pencils, gold mounted	\$3.00 to \$12.00
Knives, gold mounted	\$7.00 to \$15.00

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Women's Coat and Suit Prices Take a Big Tumble There's a Saving of a Third to One-half the Cost Now

Stirring times from now on in the cloak and suit store. For days past there has been a general overhauling of stocks. Prices have been shaved to the thinnest possible edge. Plans have been matured for the biggest cloak and suit sale ever held by Redlick's, and this store has put forth some excellent values in the past:

We are frankly stating that we are taking a good loss of real money in this sale, but we are doing so cheerfully. We want these suits sold in season—not out of season—and when we have too many suits on hand the quicker they are sold the better.

If we can benefit those who are constantly favoring this store with their patronage, the money will be well spent. Every suit is of this season's make—every suit is of the newest and most desirable materials.

Every suit is guaranteed pure wool—we don't sell any other kind.

We must, however, make a small charge for any needed alterations.



\$30 Suits Are \$18.50

Just one illustration of what this sale is doing for our patrons. These suits are in very handsome striped cheviots, wool-mixtures—or-hard-twisted-worsted, 36 inch coats, very newest styles of skirts; all the leading colors.

Jacket suits in plain materials, in shadow plaids and in fancy mixtures, 27 inch coats, lined with Skinner's satin, some plainly tailored, some collarless, some with collars and cuffs beautifully trimmed, full plaited skirts. Suits worth to \$30, for \$18.50.

\$50.00 suits are now \$30.00
\$45.00 suits are now \$25.00
\$32.50 suits are now \$17.50

Plenty of Good Slippers At Lower Prices In the Big Shoe Sale

Give slippers for Christmas gifts and you give pleasure, comfort and satisfaction.

Buy those slippers at Redlick's and you will have the satisfaction of saving money and getting good slippers.

These for men:

Good, velvet embroidered slippers with patent leather backs and sides, for 75¢
Black or brown goat skin slippers, leather lined, broad toes, low heels, slippers full of comfort, for 85¢
Lizard opera slippers, very handsome, soft as a glove, pair 1.59

Brown kid slippers, Everett or opera cut, \$2 grade for 1.65

Ooze kid slippers, soft as velvet, very durable, \$2.25 slippers for 1.75

Creamery Butter 59c

Fresh Eggs 29c

We are still selling the fine grades of butter and eggs at these very low prices. Following the usual Redlick way—sharing the good things we get with those who help to make this store grow so fast.

Point Reyes and Humboldt Creamery butter, in two pound squares, for 59¢. It's worth 80¢.

Guaranteed fresh eggs, for, dozen, 29¢. They are worth 40¢.

Santa Claus Soap, 7 bars 25¢

J. H. N. Tomatoes, 15¢ can 10¢

Jello, package 7¢

Log Cabin Syrup, pint 21¢

Rising Sun Stove Polish 5¢

Redlick Surprise Tea, 35¢ package 18¢

Bast Table Salt, 3 lbs 6¢

These For Women

Fur trimmed Juliettes in the fine felts and flannel lined, colors black, brown, red, blue, purple, worth to \$2, for 1.50

Kid Juliettes, flannel lined, fur trimmed, very fancy and stylish; choice for 1.98

Plain felt slippers for morning wear around the house, leather soles; special 75¢

Half price today for hats that are pictures of artistic milinery.

Hats that represent the highest type of correct fall styles.

The materials alone are worth more than we are asking for the hat and much of the wearing time is still ahead of you.

These are hand made velvet hats, beautifully trimmed with rich coque feathers, knobs and ends of velvet and with a band trimming of knots and ends of velvet. The hat is turned up at the side front and is strikingly handsome.

There are a number of other shapes, equally as attractive, that are included in this half price offer. Come and choose from among the ten dollar hats and pay but \$5.00.

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Hemstitched Pillow Cases, 30¢.

Made of the best quality Pepperell, casing size 45x36, and neatly hemstitched.

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We sell them—Burt & Packard's—the best shoe for men ever made. Make life's walk easy. All leathers; all guaranteed—\$3.50 to \$5.00.

HAIR GOODS NEWS.

There's a big interest being taken in this department by Fresno ladies. Prices are so reasonable and the goods are so fine. Direct from Europe, you know.

Hair Nets today, 25¢ and 35¢.

PATTERNS.

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns; the best money can buy and for little money—10¢, 15¢, no higher.

Style books for December are 5¢ if you buy a pattern with one.

had the election gone the other way?"

"It would in my case, so far as I am concerned," was the reply.

There was more discussion of an irrelevant nature, in the course of which the chairman gave himself a good certificate of character for honesty and right-mindedness of purpose.

Finally Gulberson suggested that the votes be sealed up and safely guarded in a vault for the protection of all concerned. He made this as a motion and Robinson seconded it. Some one suggested that the ballots be enclosed in a box, but DeLong thought paper was sufficient and so sealed and wrapped. In paper the ballots were ordered deposited in the Bank of Coalinga vault.

Promotion Committee Meets.

Upon return last night of Sutherland and Johnson from Coalinga full report of the day's proceedings was made at promotion committee headquarters and a conference was called to determine what next shall be done in the matter.

It was given out that not another day shall be lost, but that legal proceedings should be instituted in undoing the remarkable work of the three members of the commission. It was all

but resolved last night that the contest shall be in two forms.

(1) Mandamus petition asking the court to order and compel the board of commissioners to furnish the board of commissioners any certificate under seal showing the additional names of the voters on the great register of the County of Fresno registered as residing in the said territory described in said act, since the last register, etc.

(2) injunction proceeding to prohibit the holding of the election on the 10th of January, 1908, because an attempt to do an act that is beyond the right or power of the board.

Senator Cartwright said after the conference: "I suspect some such action as yesterday's, when I read that the council of Hanford had granted to F. S. Granger a franchise for an interurban road. Granger is not a rail-road man seeking a bona fide franchise and has no intention of building such a railroad. His petition for a franchise and the granting of it is a political move to influence this matter of county division in the event of another election. The calling of another election has not surprised me.

I want to say this, that the commissioners state a lie in their resolution when they declare that County Clerk Dilles refused to do or was neglectful

in his duty, or as the resolution read in "refusing to furnish the board of commissioners any certificate under seal showing the additional names of the voters on the great register of the County of Fresno registered as residing in the said territory described in said act, since the last register, etc."

Special Notice.

The doors of the Republican office will be closed at 6 o'clock Saturday evening and all contestants and friends who are inside will be waited on. All votes in the Fresno postoffice at 5 o'clock Saturday will be counted. No one

will be permitted to enter the business office after 5 p.m., Saturday, December 21st. Please hear this in mind—if you are later than 5 o'clock you cannot get into the office.

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